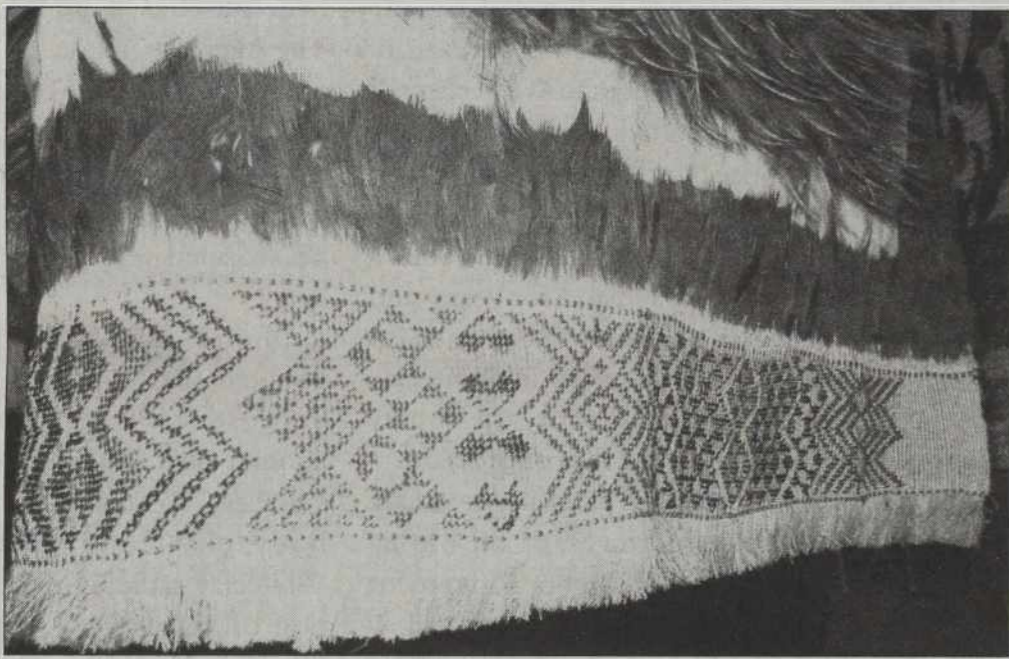
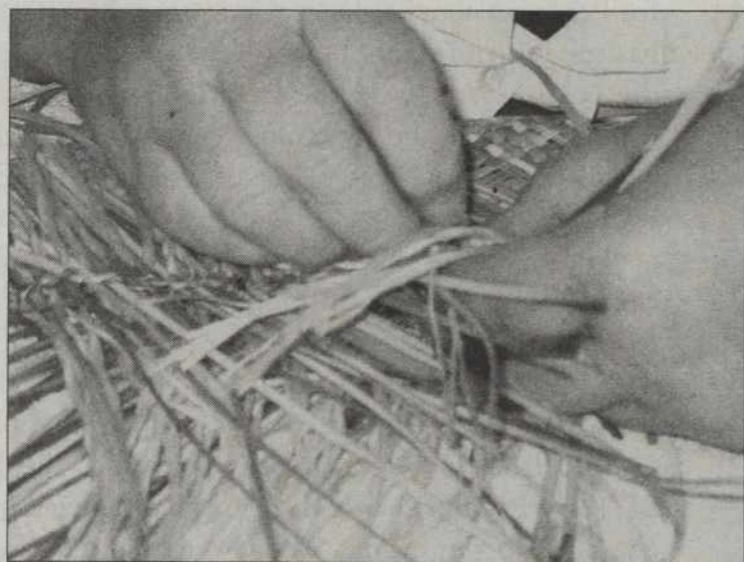


Maori weavers celebrate tradition



Ranui Ngarimu demonstrates the Maori weaving techniques.



Traditional Maori garments are on display at the Museum at Warm Springs as part of the exhibit entitled "The Eternal Thread." Weavers demonstrated basket and garment weaving as well as traditional song and dance for several days. The venue is one of only four attended in the U.S. by the Maori weaving group. (Photos by Leslie Mitts; photo at left by Selena Boise.)

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Conference

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As Falcon explained, the Rez Watch program is one that aims to bring community members together to fight the meth problem in their own communities, something they do through forming a more specific version of a neighborhood watch.

"Where does the healing start? Out in the community," Falcon explained. "That's why 'Rez Watch' is a community-based volunteer program."

According to Falcon, the methamphetamine problem is

one that needs to be stopped, and people are more than willing to do so. "People are sick of it. They don't want to see it coming into our reservations anymore," she said.

Candace Shelton, of Maryland, led a discussion of methamphetamine and alcohol use during pregnancy. She agreed that the community needs to come together, but added, "The problem in our communities is that a lot of times we don't even want to talk about it."

Falcon said that not talking about it is reason in itself to be concerned.

A main reason why methamphetamine is such a serious problem is that the drug is very simple to make. Many ingredients can be purchased in stores, although laws have changed, making it harder for the manufacturer.

Another problem, Falcon mentioned, is the way in which meth addicts are treated. "They don't need anymore judgment. They've already judging themselves," she said.

Falcon spoke out to young people, urging them to become educated about meth use early on and to stay away from the

toxic drug. "Whatever you feed your spirit you will become," she said. "You deserve so much more."

(More comments from those who participated who participated in the conference will be in the next edition of the Spilyay.)

Casino

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And Portland is a big enough market for both tribes' casinos, he said. The Grand Ronde's Spirit Mountain Casino is to the southwest of Portland, and the Warm Springs tribes' Bridge of the Gods will be to the east. "We'll get a share and they'll get their share," Smith said.

Besides, in the free market and business environment, competition is good. "It makes you better," he said.

The Grand Ronde tribes have drawn media attention lately because they have funded advertisements intended to influence the governor's race, with the ultimate goal of blocking the Warm Springs tribes' Cascade Locks casino project.

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